

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the Title appearing at page 1, line 1 as follows:

~~--TUBULAR DEFORMABLE SLEEVE AND RELATED APPARATUS WRITING~~
~~IMPLEMENT HAVING DEFORMABLE GRIP--~~

At page 1, line 2 (after the Title), please insert the following heading and paragraph:

--Cross-Reference to Related Application

This application is a divisional of prior Application No. 09/483,807, filed January 15, 2000.--

Please delete the heading appearing at page 2, line 1.

Please delete the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 3.

Please delete the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 9.

Please delete the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 19.

Please delete the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 1.

Please delete the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 8.

Please delete the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 18.

Please delete the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 23.

Please delete the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 26.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 9, as follows:

--FIG. ~~68~~ 67 is a cross section of an alternative embodiment of the deformable steering wheel grip of FIG. 48; and--

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 11, as follows:

--FIG. ~~69~~ 68 is an elevational view of the deformable steering wheel grip of FIG. ~~68~~ 67.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 3, as follows:

--As shown in FIG. 3, ~~the~~ an adhesive can be placed on area 24, between the edges 22 of the upper membrane 16 and the base 18, to bond the base to the membrane. If a glue is used, the formable material 20 would be placed on the central portion of the base 18 and glue would be applied to the edges of the base. The upper membrane can then be placed over the formable material so that the edges of the upper membrane align with the edges of the base and pressure can be applied until the glue cures to bond the membrane 16 to the base 18. Such pressure can be applied by a mold, a press, or by hand. If the base and membrane edges do not align, they can be trimmed or cut after the membrane is bonded to the base.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 13, line 1, as follows:

--While the way of joining base 18 with product patch area 14 ~~the membrane~~ can vary depending on the particular application, adhesives can be used on some or all of the bottom surface of the base 18 or on some or all of the edge portion of the base 18. Likewise, some or all of the edge portion 22 can be mechanically fastened or clamped to the product patch area 14. Adhesive tape or a combination of adhesive and mechanical attachment also could be used.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 18, line 5, as follows:

--As shown in FIG. 40A, the patch 10 can be attached to eyeglasses 148 to increase the comfort of the user. The eyeglasses have a main body 150 with lenses 152 and a bridge 154. Arms 156 extend back from the body to rest on the user's ears. Nose pads 158 extend downwardly from the body to rest on a user's nose. The patch can be sized for placement on the nose pads and/or the arms, near the area where the user's ears would contact the arms.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 22, line 10, as follows:

--~~FIGS. 69 and 70~~ FIGS. 67 and 68 show an alternative steering wheel grip 400 that can be substituted for the steering wheel grip of FIG. 48. In particular, the grip has a flexible upper membrane 16 and a flexible membrane base 18, with the formable material 20 located therebetween. The grip 400 is mounted on the upper portion of the steering wheel 402. Although the steering wheel is shown as hollow in cross section, the grip may be mounted on a solid steering wheel or other steering wheel designs. Each edge portion of the grip has an indented "L" shaped end 404 that conforms to a mating surface 406 on the steering wheel. A mounting strip 408 fastened by screws 410 holds the "L" shaped ends of the side portion against the mating surface 406 of the steering wheel. A series of holes 412 sized to accept the screws is located along the underside of the upper portion of the steering wheel. The holes preferably are spaced about 1 inch apart. The mounting strip can be flexible or rigid. The grip 400 has ~~[[a]]~~ two ends 414, each of which is held to the steering wheel by a circular ring 416. The grip 400 can be formed by an extrusion process and the ends 414 of the grip 400 can be formed by bonding the upper membrane to the base so as to enclose the formable material. The ends 414 of the grip look similar to the ends 330 of the sleeve shown in FIG. 5. The thickness of the formable material 20 preferably is 0.1 to 0.150 inch and the thickness of the upper membrane 16 preferably is 0.05 inch. The above described materials may be used for the grip 400.--